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Letter dated 19 May 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I have the honour to convey the attached letter, dated 8 May 2015, from the Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Alexander Vershbow, transmitting the quarterly report on the international security presence in Kosovo, covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2015 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 8 May 2015 from the Deputy Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization addressed to the Secretary-General

In accordance with paragraph 20 of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), I attach a report on the operations of the Kosovo Force covering the period from 1 January to 31 March 2015 (see enclosure). I would appreciate your making this report available to the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Alexander **Vershbow**

Enclosure

Report to the United Nations on the operations of the Kosovo Force

1. The present report on the Kosovo Force (KFOR) is provided in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) and covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 2015.

2. As of 31 March 2015, the total number of KFOR troops in theatre remained approximately 4,600.

3. The main event during the reporting period was the resumption on 9 February of the high-level dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina facilitated by the European Union, which resulted in an agreement on justice and the judiciary.

Security situation and operations

4. During the reporting period, the security situation in theatre remained calm in the southern part of Kosovo and reasonably stable in the northern part of Kosovo. The implementation of the European Union-facilitated First Agreement of Principles Governing the Normalization of Relations, reached by Belgrade and Pristina on 19 April 2013, continues to have a positive effect on the security situation and Freedom of Movement remains unimpeded Kosovo-wide.

5. Against this positive background, the mission of KFOR to contribute to a safe and secure environment and to freedom of movement has continued as part of a comprehensive international effort.

6. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to work in close coordination with the Kosovo police and the European Rule of Law Mission (EULEX). KFOR remained ready to provide immediate intervention, if required, and also maintained full situational awareness. However, there was no requirement for direct intervention by KFOR.

7. The most significant public order incident in the reporting period was violence associated with two opposition-led demonstrations on 24 and 27 January. The Kosovo police intervened with crowd and riot control assets and made a number of arrests. No intervention by either EULEX or KFOR was required.

Summary

8. During the reporting period, KFOR has continued to contribute to maintaining both a safe and secure environment and ensuring freedom of movement in close coordination with EULEX and the Kosovo police. The close coordination on the ground among KFOR, in its capacity as third responder, EULEX and the Kosovo police continues to be highly effective.